

### Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A composition comprising
  - a) 5 to 50% by weight of an aliphatic dialdehyde having 2 to 10 carbon atoms;
  - b) 2.5 to 20% by weight of at least one reductive saccharide having a dextrose equivalent of 10 to 100;
  - c) 2.5 to 20% by weight of at least one water-soluble, optionally monoetherified polyoxaalkylene glycol having a molecular weight of more than 100 and not more than 2000; and
  - d) 90 to 10% by weight of water,  
0.05 to 0.19 mol of the components b) and c) being added per mole of the component a).
2. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the aliphatic dialdehydes correspond to the formula  $\text{OHC-C}_n\text{H}_{2n}\text{-CHO}$ , in which n is 0 or is a number from 1 to 8, and are preferably pentanedial.
3. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the aliphatic dialdehyde is 10 to 30% by weight.
4. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the saccharide is glucose or sucrose.
5. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of saccharides is 2.5 to 15% by weight.
6. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyoxaalkylene glycols are polyoxaethylenediols and polyoxa-1,2-propylenediols and polyoxaethylenediols/polyoxa-1,2-propylenediols.

7. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 1-~~or~~6, wherein the polyoxaalkylene glycol has a molecular weight of 120 to 1000.
8. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the polyoxaalkylene glycol is 2.5 to 15% by weight.
9. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein 0.07 to 0.15 mol of the components b) and c) are added per mole of the component a).
10. (Original) A process for the pretanning of pickled pelts in aqueous liquor at a liquor pH of 2.3 to 5, wherein a composition according to claim 1 is added to the liquor and allowed to act on the pelt.
11. (Original) A process according to claim 10, wherein the composition is used in an amount of 0.1 to 15% by weight, based on the weight of the pelt.
12. (Original) A process according to claim 10, wherein the temperature of the liquor is room temperature, preferably 20 to 30°C.
13. (Original) A process according to claim 10, wherein the composition is first allowed to act at a pH of 2.3 to 3.6 and the pH is then increased to 4.0 to 5.0 and treatment is continued.
14. (New) A composition according to claim 6, wherein the polyoxaalkylene glycol has a molecular weight of 120 to 1000.